

Notice of the Decisions of the **Meeting of the CABINET** held at the Council Chamber, Penmorfa, Aberaeron and remotely on **Tuesday, 14 February 2023**

This Notice is published at 5.00pm on Thursday, 16 February 2023. Requests to call-in any decision to be delivered to the Head of Democratic Services by 5.00pm on Thursday, 23 February 2023. The decisions will come into force (if no valid call-in application is received) on Friday, 24 February 2023.

PRESENT: Councillor Bryan Davies (Chair), Councillors Catrin M S. Davies, Clive Davies, Gareth Davies, Keith Henson, Wyn Thomas, Matthew Vaux and Alun Williams.

Also in attendance: Councillors Ifan Davies, Elizabeth Evans, Gwyn Wigley Evans, Keith Evans, Rhodri Evans, Wyn Evans, Geraint Hughes, Hugh Hughes, Chris James, Ceris Jones, Gareth Lloyd, Ann Bowen Morgan and Caryl Roberts.

(10.00am - 1.18pm)

143 Apologies

No apologies were received.

144 Personal matters

Condolences were extended to the family of Dr Jeff Jones, former Assistant Director of Ceredigion County Council who has recently passed away.

145 Disclosure of Personal/ Prejudicial Interests

- i. Councillor Clive Davies declared a personal interest in relation to item 150.
- ii. Councillor Gareth Davies declared a personal interest in relation to item 151.

146 To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Cabinet and any matters arising from those Minutes

To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Cabinet held on 24 January 2023.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes.

147 Any petitions received

None.

148 Reports of any decisions (if any) having been called in from Overview and Scrutiny Committee

None.

149 Any feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committee not otherwise on the agenda

None.

150 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon Fees and Charges including feedback from Overview and Scrutiny

DECISION:

1. To approve the Fees & Charges to be effective from 01/04/23 (with the exception of School Meals), as outlined in:
 - a) Appendix 1
 - b) Appendix 2
 - c) Appendix 3 (with the exception of the proposed entrance fee under the Museum Service Fees and Charges, which was withdrawn)
 - d) Appendix 4with the further exception of the following item:
 - That the proposed Car Parking Fees & Charges in Tregaron and Llandysul are removed from Appendix 3, so that there would continue to be no Car Parking charges in those towns for a further 12-month period during 2023/24.
2. To approve the School Meals Fees & Charges change as outlined in Appendix 2 to be effective from 01/09/23.
3. To delegate authority to the Corporate Lead Officer: Schools & Culture in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Schools, Lifelong Learning and Skills to increase the School Meal price to align with any increased outcome following the WG unit rate review, with any change to only be effective once the Universal free school meal offer has been fully extended to all Primary School years.
4. To delegate authority on an ongoing basis to the CLO Porth Cymorth Cynnar, in consultation with the Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Leisure and Wellbeing Centres, to vary the Fees & Charges for the Wellbeing Centres to run short term/time limited promotional offers.
5. To note the feedback from each Budget Overview and Scrutiny Committee and to agree to the recommended changes proposed by the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Thriving Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Fees and Charges.

Reason for the decision:

To consider Fees and Charges as part of the Council's budget setting process.

151 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the 2023/24 Budget including feedback from Overview and Scrutiny

DECISION:

1. To recommend to Full Council that following consideration of the recommendation from the Thriving Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee regarding the continuation of free Car Parking in Llandysul & Tregaron, that the potential £40k cost associated with this should be funded from the £400k Provision set aside for Pay and Energy Inflation risks and that this approach is only possible under a Council Tax option that is no lower than 7.3%.
2. To recommend to Full Council that the 23/24 Budget Requirement is £180.101m and that the level of Council Tax proposed for 23/24 for

County Council purposes is a 7.3% increase (including 1.3% in relation to the Fire Authority Levy increase).

3. To note the Feedback from each Budget Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and to note that each of the thematic Committees recommended a 7.3% increase to the Council Tax for 2023/24 (including 1.3% in relation to the Fire Authority Levy increase) and a 23/24 Budget requirement of £180.101m.

Reason for the decision:

To enable the 2023/24 Budget preparation to continue, so that Budget papers and Council Tax calculations can be prepared for the Full Council meeting on 02/03/23.

152 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the Treasury Management Policy Statement, Treasury Management Strategy for 2023/24 and the MRP Policy for 2023/24

DECISION:

- a) To approve the Treasury Management Strategy outlined in the report for Borrowing and Investments.
- b) To approve the Investment Schedule as set out in Appendix B.
- c) To approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix C.
- d) To delegate authority to the Section 151 officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement, to amend the Treasury Management Strategy, and Investment Schedule, during the course of the year.

To recommend to Full Council:

- e) the approval of the Treasury Management Strategy for Borrowing and Investments for 2023/24; and
- f) the approval of the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2023/24.

Reason for the decision:

To set a Treasury Management Strategy and Minimum Revenue Policy for 2023/24.

153 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Economy and Regeneration upon the Arfor Programme: Acceptance of Funding and Implementation arrangements in Ceredigion

DECISION:

1. To approve the proposed implementation and delivery arrangements of the Fund as set out in the report.
2. To approve in principle that the Council sign up to an Inter Authority Agreement with Gwynedd County Council.

Reason for the decision:

To allow Ceredigion County Council to proceed with Gwynedd County Council to receive the Arfor Funding and for officers to be able to establish implementation arrangements as soon as possible.

154 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Economy and Regeneration upon the Cardigan Market Hall Restoration & Construction of new Access Block

DECISION:

To approve an additional contribution of £100,000 to Cardigan Building Preservation Trust and review the existing funding agreement.

Reason for the decision:

To enable the project to be completed and deliver the original aims and objectives of the redevelopment proposals.

155 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Legal and Governance upon the Coroner Pay Arrangements 2023/24

DECISION:

To approve the following pay rates effective from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024:

1) Senior part-time Coroner:

- i. Retention Salary of £21,120 p/a to cover retention/out of hours service availability.
- ii. Using the agreed daily rate of £465, to pay the Coroner an annual salary of £11,625 including training days.
Total: £32,745 per annum (plus on-costs).
- iii. Office expenses/business support allowance – £5,000 p/a.

2) Assistant Coroner:

The daily rates will be:

- full day: £397; and
- half day: £199.

Reason for the decision:

Compliance with relevant legislation and JNC Circulars, mitigation of challenge and safeguarding public funds.

156 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Schools and Culture upon the Deprivation and Equity Strategy including feedback from Overview and Scrutiny

DECISION:

1. To approve the Ceredigion Deprivation and Equity Strategy.
2. That an annual report on progress against the Ceredigion Deprivation and Equity Strategy be presented to the Schools, and the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
3. To note the feedback from the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Reason for the decision:

To ensure that schools have an appropriate and evidence-based strategy to support disadvantaged pupils.

- 157 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Highways and Environmental Services upon Introducing Default 20mph Speed Limits**
DECISION:
To approve Officers' replies to consultation responses; advertising the proposals to the public, and should no objections be received, the making of the necessary Traffic Regulation Order and the publication of a subsequent Notice of Making in the press to this effect.
- Reason for the decision:*
The proposed changes to speed limit arrangements are on the broad grounds provided by the Welsh Government for this national scheme; of road safety, reduction in the severity of injuries, and the encouragement of Active and Sustainable Travel.
- 158 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Highways and Environmental Services upon Ceredigion Bus Network**
Cabinet noted the report.
- 159 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cymorth Cynnar upon the Sport Wales School Sport Survey 2022 including feedback from Overview and Scrutiny**
Cabinet noted the report and the feedback from the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 160 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cymorth Cynnar upon the West Wales Care Partnership Regional Carers Development Group Annual Report 2021 - 2022 including feedback from Overview and Scrutiny**
Cabinet noted the report and the feedback from the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 161 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cymorth Cynnar upon the Ceredigion Carers and Community Support Team Annual Report 2021-22 including feedback from Overview and Scrutiny**
Cabinet noted the report and the feedback from the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 162 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cynnal upon the Independent Reviewing Service Performance Management Report Qtr 1 2022/23 including feedback from Overview and Scrutiny**
Cabinet noted the report and the feedback from the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 163 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cynnal upon the Independent Reviewing Service Performance Management Report Qtr 2 2022/23 including feedback from Overview and Scrutiny**
Cabinet noted the report and the feedback from the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

164 Any other matter the Chairman decides is for the urgent attention of the Cabinet
None.

Confirmed at the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 7 March 2023

Chairman: _____

Date: _____